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~~Top Secret~~**POLAND: Walesa's Strategy on Nobel Prize**

Lech Walesa apparently is still hesitant to leave Poland to accept the Nobel Prize, even though the regime has unofficially indicated he can return unhindered. [redacted]

Walesa told Western reporters yesterday that he will announce this week whether he will collect the prize in person in Oslo on 10 December or send a representative. Walesa had earlier expressed fear that he would not be allowed to return to Poland. [redacted]

A high Polish party official, [redacted]
[redacted] Walesa is free to travel to Norway but made no mention of his return. Other government officials, however, have privately assured Western reporters that Walesa can come back. [redacted]

Comment: Walesa's advisers may urge him to go to Oslo, if only to use the opportunity to meet with Solidarity representatives abroad. He could instill some vigor into their organizations, which, [redacted]
[redacted] have increasingly lost momentum. [redacted]

The associates may also urge Walesa to give a moderate, conciliatory speech at the awards ceremony. This gesture would be unlikely to change the regime's policies toward the underground, but it could help ensure the outlawed union's permanence in Polish political and social life. [redacted]

If Walesa goes, hardliners will urge the regime to prevent his return. Moderates are likely to argue, however, that the government will improve its image in the West by allowing Walesa to reenter Poland. [redacted]

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